

SERMON NOTES

September 3 & 4, 2022

It's Your Time | Difficult Assignments *Esther 5-10*

My Current God Mission:

1. Ask God for _____.

2. Ask others to _____.

3. Ask God for _____.

4. Ask God for _____.

Shadow Mission indicators:

- Need for _____

- Hand over too much _____.

5. _____ has to die.

6. God is _____ in my mission.

Life Steps

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Monday

Esther 4:12-17

Reflect: In the context of the story, why is it important for Esther and the Jews of Susa to pray? How would you describe the frequency and impact of your prayer life?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Tuesday

Esther 5:1; 7:4-6

Reflect: How does Esther demonstrate courage? How courageous are you in general? In situations at work? In relationships with friends? In responding when you sense God asking you to do something?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Wednesday

Esther 5:4-8

Reflect: How does Esther use wisdom to accomplish God's mission for her? What do we learn about Esther from these verses? Where do you currently need wisdom?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Thursday

Esther 5:9-14; 6:6

Reflect: How do Haman's pride and ego lead to his fall? How can you tell the difference between your shadow mission and God-given mission?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Friday

Esther 8:1-17

Reflect: In what ways do you see God's hand in the story of Esther? In what ways do you see God's hand in the mission He has given to you and how you achieve it?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Saturday

Esther 9:1-19

Reflect: Describe the mission God has for you. What have you learned from our study of the Book of Esther and how do those things apply to your life?

Prayer: God of mission and purpose, help me to clearly understand your calling and give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it.

Sunday

Isaiah 41:10

Reflect: Memorize this verse. Keep this verse in mind as you move forward in fulfilling God's call upon your life. What are your thoughts on this quote? "There is no safe way to be great, and no great way to be safe. All of the safe paths have been taken." - Robert Anderson

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the mission you have given me. Help me to clearly understand what you are calling me to do. Through your Holy Spirit, give me the courage and wisdom to accomplish it. I want to spend each day living in your will, in Jesus' name, Amen.